

St Teresa's Parish Community

Minutes of Parish Pastoral Council

3rd November 2011.

Present: Father Jim, Deacon Willie, Paula Cochrane, Marylin McEwen, Pat Dickson, Madeline Callander, Peggy Marshall, Terry Harkness, Freda Smith, Eileen Woodman, Derek Cochrane, Elizabeth Roberson, Beatrice Gardiner, Elizabeth Blount.

1. Welcome and opening Prayer said by all:

Father Jim welcomed everyone to the first Parish Pastoral Meeting. He thanked Nadine Caven for all her hard work over the years as she steps down as secretary. Father Jim appointed Deacon Willie as the new secretary. Father Jim handed out and explained the new Constitution which has been approved by Bishop Cunningham.

2. Father Jim then invited Paula Cochrane to chair the business of the meeting.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting held on 15th September were read and approved by Terry Harkness and seconded by Pat Dickson.

4. Matters arising from the 15th September Minutes not on the Agenda:

Change of dates as follows

St Teresa's School Coffee Evening will now be held on the 25th November

The Seniors Concert will now be held on the 9th December.

5. New English translation of the Mass:

Father Jim asked how the committee felt the Parish was coping with the New English transition of the Mass. The members felt that it is being well received with more time for personal preparation before mass and time for reflection between the readings. Father Jim pointed out that the new Missals have arrived and will start being used on the first Sunday in Advent-27th November. The music for the Mass can be found on YouTube, the music director is Dan Schutte. New personal Missals can be ordered for January 2012 from the Church shop.

6. Schools News.

Miss Blount thanked everyone for their support with the harvest thanks giving and also the support given by the SVDP. They have received thank you letters for the boxes and the visits from SVDP. The new garden shed has arrived thanks to the generosity of the Peoples Project, Chaplecross, parents and an anonymous donation.

The school still has to decide where to site the new shed. The school would also like to thank the 4 pupils from St Josephs College who did their work experience in the Nursery Class. Some of the children from the School dressed up for Halloween and visited Lochduhar Care Home and entertained the residents. On All Saints day (2nd November) the school took part in a Cluster Mass at St Josephs College along with pupils from St Andrews School and the College. Pupils from P6 and P7 attended the Mass for the Benedictine Order held in St Andrews Church. The school will hold their Christmas Concert on the 15th December. Infants will perform; Rodney the Stable Rat, and the seniors will perform Snow White. St Teresa's Parents Council is looking to recruit a Clerk to the Board, if interested contact Elizabeth Blount.

St Josephs College would like to thank everyone who took part in the Cluster Mass. 14 pupils are working towards CARITAS AWARDS these awards were introduced by the Bishops following the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK.

7. Parish Library.

New books are now available for loan. The library is working well and invites new members to join.

8. Parish children/youth work.

The Youth for Lourdes team will be speaking at the Youth Mass on the 6th November and the World Youth day team will be speaking at the evening Mass on the same day. The young people from Project 2012 will also give a talk at both Masses on the 6th November. The young members of the church will take part in the reading and music at both Masses.

9. Pilgrimage to Lisieux

37 people have so far showed an interest in this pilgrimage. There are still places available.

10. RCIA/Faith development meetings.

Two meetings have been held so far with 5 to 7 people expressing an interest in joining the Church. Each of the Leaders take turns in leading the sessions.

11. RCIC; Confirmation/First Communion preparation.

There has been a good turn out of children at each of the Saturdays. The display board at the back of the Church is updated after each meeting.

12. Ethiopia, Project 2012

The Quiz night was a great success. Photo nights arranged for the 8th and 15th November. Body Shop evening is arranged for the 3rd December. The group are hoping to bag pack at Morrison's on the 10th March. The Group would like to thank everyone for their help and support with all their fund raising activities.

Sr Collette prays continuously for the Group.

13. Justice & Peace Issues.

J&P group meeting at St Andrew's House, Brooke Street on 10th November. Leader: Mr Bill Rennie, Volunteers to attend would be welcome.

Fair Trade: Where at all possible Fair Trade goods will be used in our Church activities.

14. Ecumenism

Dumfries Christian Network; No report

Outreach with local Churches: No report.

15 Parish Hall Repairs.

Internal work in the hall is still on going. Toilets are being upgraded. Ramp for Disabled access is being fitted at the main door of the hall.

Forthcoming Dairy Date/Events.

November 8th & 15th Christmas Photograph Package 5pm to 9pm both nights.

November 19th Christmas Fayre Church hall 2pm to 4pm

November 25th Coffee Evening St Teresa's School

December 3rd. Body Shop Evening Project 2012

December 9th Senior Concert 7pm

December 15th St Teresa's School Concert (Tickets available)

December 19th St Joseph's Carol Service

Date and time of next meeting:

19th January 2012 from 7-9pm.